For the five men killed in the war

▶ Relatives of the WWII soldiers have a monument in Lincoln Park; they're hoping for a memorial.

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Manuel Mollinedo hoped for the best when he was summoned home from the eighth grade that day 51 years ago. As he got there, he began to suspect the worst.

"As I was getting to the house, everybody starting looking at me," he recalled. "I knew something was wrong."

His brother, an Army private in Germany, was dead. Theodore Mollinedo was one of five Eastside buddies who grew up within blocks of one another and died in World War II.

Manuel Mollinedo, 64, met with relatives of the other soldiers yesterday at Lincoln Park to look over a monument designed to honor the boys who would now be in their late 60s and early 70s.

Also attending were Gilbert Vasquez, brother of Dario Vasquez, who died in North Africa; and Delia Rosales, whose uncle, Manuel Rangel, was killed in Luzon.

Also killed during the war were Gus Cabrera, in Luxembourg, and Venturo

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Standing beside a stone monument in Lincoln Park where they hope to build a memorial honoring Hispanic veterans are, from left, Gilbert G. Vasquez, Delia Rosales and Manuel Mollinedo. All are related to someone on the monument.

